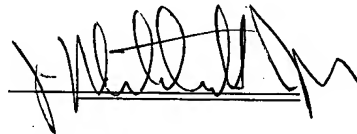


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Claims 1-52 were originally filed in the present application. Applicants have cancelled these claims in order to further their business interests and the prosecution of the present application, yet without acquiescing to the Examiner's arguments in any prior application, and while preserving the right to prosecute the canceled (or similar) claims in the future. New claims 53 - 67 have been entered. Thus, Claims 53 - 67 are pending and under examination following entry of the Preliminary Amendment. Applicant believes these claims are in condition for allowance respectfully request immediate allowance of these claims. If an interview would aid in the immediate allowance of these claims, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 608-218-6900.

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